GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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DECREASING IN FOREST AREA IN RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the forest area developed in terms of percentage in Rajasthan during the last five years;

(b) whether forest areas have been decreased in Rajasthan;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of incidents of poaching occurred and number of cases registered in Rajasthan during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) Forest Survey of India is assessing forest cover of the country biennially since 1987. Forest cover in the State of Rajasthan has increased from 13280 sq.km (3.85%) to 13871 sq.km (4.05%) during the last three assessments from 1995 to 1999.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) As per information available in the Ministry, 145 incidents of poaching have occurred in the State of Rajasthan and in all the incidents cases have been registered.